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RE: Emergency Action Plan/Standard Operating Procedure - Non Compliance for
- Ranchers Exploration-Tailings/UT00516 Dam.

As we have explained in previous correspondence, all owners of Large and Intermediate sized, Moderate Hazard Dams were required by Utah Code 73-5a to submit Emergency Action Plans and Standard Operating Procedures to the State Engineer's Office by May 1, 1994. Our records indicate that as of March 1, 1995, you have not submitted one or both of these documents to our Dam Safety Section and are, therefore, in violation of state law.

The State Engineer has the responsibility to limit your storage privilege and eventually breach the dam structure if you continue to ignore the law. Before we begin legal proceedings, we strongly suggest that you contact this office before May 1, 1995, to state your intentions with respect to this matter. If you would like to initially prepare just the sunny day inundation map, we will reassess the hazard rating, possibly downgrading your dam and absolving you from any EAP requirement. If the moderate hazard still applies, then it will be fairly simple for you to finish your EAP. We would be happy to give you all the assistance we can in preparing the necessary documents.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Morgan,
State Engineer

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cc: Kerry Carpenter - Regional Engineer
John Mabey - Assistant Attorney General

Wayne
called Matt Lindstrom (Dam Safety) 3/21/95
they still showed it as active on
their database - Matt was
aware it had been reclaimed
he will correct their Database
Nothing else required of the
company (or use) etc